



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 22nd of September 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

22 September	Last day of Term 3
9 October	First day of Term 4 10.45am Mihi whakatau to welcome tamariki who have enrolled in the last term
10 October	Marae visit for Year 5 tamariki (Notices came home earlier in the week with the ākonga involved)
NEW ITEM 14 October	School hall in use as a polling booth for the general election
17 October	Te Kete Wakahuia ONLY 5.45pm arrival time to be ready for the TKW Ball
NEW ITEM 19 October	Year 4 sleepover here at school (see kete notices advising details)
20 October	Year 4 EOTC trip to Ngā Manu
23 October LABOUR DAY	Public holiday, school CLOSED
24 October	5.30pm School board meeting
26 - 27 October	School photographs taken
6 November	Year 4 - 6 athletic sports
NEW ITEM 22 November	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED. Teachers undertaking professional development around the refreshed curriculum
30 November	Year 1-3 fundamental athletic skills display
12 December	1.45 Transition in 2024 classrooms 6pm Whole school prizegiving (followed by the Year 6 graduation)
15 December	12.45 Classes finish for 2023

Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.

Update from the Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou Ngā mihi kia koutou

Following our recent community consultation there was support for further consultation around us potentially phasing in a new uniform that could be worn by either boys or girls. The current school uniform would remain totally acceptable throughout the 'phase in' period - we will do our very best to avoid unnecessary expense. Samples of the potential new uniform are currently on display in the courtyard before and after school (weather dependent) and in the school office. We will invite feedback early next term.

We have looked for uniforms of similar quality to our current items, and only propose to change the colour of our skort, shorts and trousers, while maintaining the red polo shirt and current fleece. The proposed alternatives are all at less cost than our current items.

EXAMPLES OF PROPOSED UNIFORM CHANGE

Price differences:

Previous Pricing for Tartan Skort \$53.50 Previous Pricing for Grey Shorts \$38.00 Previous Pricing for Grey Pants \$49.00

- Pricing for Navy Blue Skort \$41.50
- Pricing for Navy Blue Shorts \$33.00
- Pricing for Navy Blue Pants \$44.00







SUN HATS

In terms 4 and 1 of each year it is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outdoors. Our regulation plain navy blue bucket hat costs \$12.00 from the school office. Our school policy states, 'no hat, no play', so please ensure all the tamariki have a sunhat by day 1 of next term. Hats are also available at Academy Apparel for \$15.00.



BOOK WEEK

We've had a great week celebrating literacy and a love of reading!

Book week competition results

Вс	ookmark Re		· ·	Mini E	Books
Waka	1st	Asher F			
	2nd	Eliza	1		
	3rd	Karen	1		
Huia	1st	Harkamal	Huia	1st	Oliver
	2nd	Lucy S			
	3rd	Sadie			
ТКР	1st	Annie			
	2nd	Junoo			
	3rd	Henry D			
TKM	1st	Maia	TKM	1st	Baxter
	2nd	Rory		2nd	Bailey
	3rd	Madison		3rd	Zareesh
TKA	1st	Tyler	TKA	1st	Molly D
	2nd	Jonathan		2nd	Micah
	3rd	Willa		3rd	Titus
			ткт	1st	Hannah
				2nd	Rei
				3rd	Haylee
Library Det	ective Book I	Hunt: Tilley TKI	М		







CHESS

On Wednesday, some of our Hokowhitu tamariki went to the Manawatu Individual Chess Championships held at Takaro Bowling Club. From TKW right through to TKT were **Jaxxon Z**, **Quinn M**, **Darcy M**, **Joshpreet S**, **Harrison I**, **Viktor D**, **Noah M**, **Jack N** and **Bilal S**. It was a superbly well-run event and the tamariki enjoyed playing a wide range of opponents from Primary, Intermediate and High Schools across the region. A special congratulations to **Joshpreet** 1st U10s, **Jack N** 2nd U12s and **Jaxxon** 2nd U8s. Also, a big thank you to the parents who supported the tamariki throughout the day.







BADMINTON

"On Tuesday the Hokowhitu School badminton teams played their games at the arena. The Hokowhitu Hitters came third place, and the Hokowhitu Shuttles came first place in Kowhai Division." - **Sahith**

"We played hard games to earn our placing. It was tough but we got through. One of our teams came first and my team came third." - Isaac H



I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy term break. We look forward to seeing the tamariki refreshed and excited about Term 4 at 8.30am on Monday the 9th of October. Term 4 is ALWAYS action packed and the upcoming 2023 term is certainly no exception.

Ngā mihi nui

Reece Hawkins Deputy Principal

SAVE THIS DATE SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Registrations are now 'live'. Please find the link for registration on the school website: www.hokowhitu.school.nz

Achievement Awards













Te Kete Wakahuia

Sebastian - You are trying so hard with writing your letter sounds Sebastian. Keep it up!

Malone - For trying hard in your literacy workshops and showing perseverance. Tino pai.

Hunter - For showing enthusiasm towards all aspects of school. Ka pai!

Aria W - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have had a wonderful start and already have made many friends.

Justin - For settling back into school with us. Tino pai!

Louis - For working hard on your writing. Ka pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Ibrahim - For achieving 2-digit addition.

Darcy - For being able to carry a skip counting pattern.

Noah - For accurate formation during handwriting.

Luca - For great speaking skills when presenting TKP's market day.

Lilianna - For being a vital part of TKP, we will miss you.

Ava S - For producing an amazing number of the day.

Te Kete Manawa

Deondrej, William, Zareesh, Charlotte G, K-J, Oliver, Rory - For amazing work with decimals!

Ali and Carlos - For showing clever thinking and great understanding!

Louvan, Rohan, Freddie, Mason O, Sam M - For great enthusiasm with presenting your group play.

Farewell to Jainil and Grace, we will miss you in TKM!

Thank you everyone for working hard this term, we wish you and your families a safe, happy holiday.

Te Kete Aronui

Thanks everyone for a great Term 3. You have all done an amazing job with Inquiry, Book Week, Gymnastics, Cycling and Market Day. We appreciate all of your positive and enthusiastic contributions that you made over the term. Have a great break and we will see you in two weeks. Farewell to **Amelia** and her whānau who will be returning to America. We have enjoyed having you at Hokowhitu School and wish you all the best for the future - TKA Whānau

Te Kete Tangaroa

Farewell to Yena, your TKT friends will miss you!

Te Kohi - Making an excellent mini book for TKW and reading it clearly.

Liam - Great work learning his times tables.

Milly - For sharing her passion of cheerleading with our juniors.

Cherry - For showing kaitiakitanga consistently and when no one is watching.

Isaac H - For showing manawanui during independent writing.

Maya - For writing a paragraph which included all of her spelling words.

Elahze - For stepping up and learning how use fraction knowledge to find the whole.

Mila - For showing her understanding of place value in maths.



aPlus School Holiday Programme, Spring 2023













SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 25th Sept	Tue 26th Sept	Wed 27th Sept	Thu 28th Sept	Fri 29th Sept
BAG IT UP	BABY TIE DYE	GRUMPY DAY	SPRING STITCHES	PENGUIN PRANKS
Make wacky faces, owls or cat bags!	Tie dye art, make a Grabber & then it's freaky races!	Grumpy start to the day, but you WILL go home laughing!	Lion rocks, weaving trees, sardines & Lego bracelets.	Learn to carry an egg like a Penguin
Mon 2nd Oct	Tue 3rd Oct	Wed 4th Oct	Thu 5th Oct	Fri 6th Oct
STUNNING SEAHORSES	RAINBOW ROLLING PIN ART	CATTERPILLARS IN TOWN	SCRATCH IT	WEATHER & FLUFFY STUFF
Seahorse Tic Tac Toe, Masks, Underwater fun!	Wet chalk, stunning artwork, yummy skittles experiments.	Caterpillars, check them out before they turn to butterflies.	Scratch it, paint it and start again.	White clouds, blue skies, Spring is here!

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS &UP \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 25th Sept	Tue 26th Sept	Wed 27th Sept	Thu 28th Sept	Fri 29th Sept
BEAUTIFUL OCEAN Litter art, Blob Tag and Catch the Bacon	THE MUSIC TABLE Rhythm & Song - instruments to explore and a great new dance!	ROCK TROLLS Rock Paper Scissors Tournament a bit of baking & heaps of fun.	LET'S YARN Wrap initials, turtles, shave balloons, Dog and Bone!	SEA OTTERS Cheeky, clever and cute! Otter spotting!
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GECKO STARTS WITH G	DROP CATCH ROLL	SERIOUS SIDEWALKS	EXPLORING ELEPHANTS	IS IT SOLID OR LIQUID?
What's a Gecko, come and	Making our own drop, catch, roll	Design, play, colour, trace, taking	Elephants toothpaste, elephant	A bit messy today, solid,

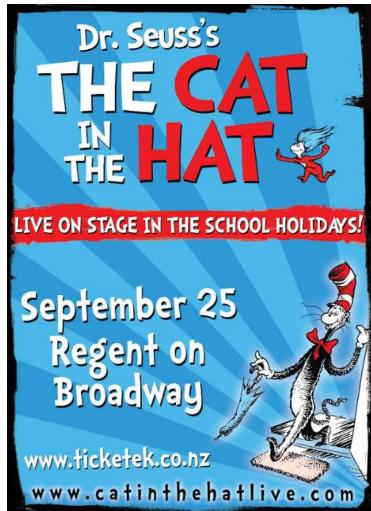
EXPLORERS - 7 YEARS & UPFrom \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 25th Sept	Tue 26th Sept	Wed 27th Sept	Thu 28th Sept	Fri 29th Sept
THINKING CATS Cats and Lemon Slice, create one & eat the other.	SHARPIE ART Bring out your inner artist - wild colour with sharpies	HERB FARM BALLOON TWIST (Ex) It's the guy from Blow Up NZ - workshop at the Herb Garden	WOOD CITY SKYLINE Join our city skyline workshop and take it home!	THE BALANCE TREE What does it take to stop your tree falling over?
Mon 2nd Oct	Tue 3rd Oct	Wed 4th Oct	Thu 5th Oct	Fri 6th Oct
Mon 2nd Oct WEAVE AND TWIST	Tue 3rd Oct MOVIES AND PIZZA	Wed 4th Oct MIRROR ME	Thu 5th Oct MINI GOLF (Ex)	Fri 6th Oct 3D FACES

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$42.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 25th Sept	Tue 26th Sept	Wed 27th Sept	Thu 28th Sept	Fri 29th Sept
MOVIES AND PIZZA	ZEBRA CROSSING	HERB FARM BALLOON TWIST (Ex)	ANEMOMETER	GO GO GOKARTS (Ex)
Movies, pizza, snacks and games, chilling with friends	Unique & fun Zebra activities. How many zebra types are there?	It's the guy from Blow Up NZ - workshop at the Herb Garden	Join our city skyline workshop and take it home!	Off to XKarts - are you the champion of the day?
Mon 2nd Oct	Tue 3rd Oct	Wed 4th Oct	Thu 5th Oct	Fri 6th Oct
Mon 2nd Oct PUKAHA WILDLIFE (Ex)	Tue 3rd Oct SPINNING TOP SCIENCE	Wed 4th Oct MINI GOLF(Ex)	Thu 5th Oct FRINGE AND FLOW	Fri 6th Oct BEACHCOMBER(Ex)









SEPT 29TH, 2023: 10AM - 12PM













Wednesday 27th September

Youth Pop Up Play
Te Marae o Hine - The Square
by the Unbox (Events Quad)

11:30am - 1:30pm

We want to hear your thoughts on how we can make our City Centre a fun place for everyone.

Come down for a free sausage sizzle and have a chat with us about what exciting play stuff we could create in our City Centre.

To get those ideas flowing we'll have lots of giant lawn games like Connect Four, Giant Jenga, basket balls and hula hoops and for everyone.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for wet weather postponement.

We'd love your feedback on City Centre Play. Feedback opens on 27th September at

pncc.govt.nz/haveyoursay







